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#### Natal Needs

If there's not a huge age gap between your children, you will likely have most of the baby equipment and clothing you need for the next instalment of your family. But, you might have to upgrade to a double stroller, or toss out some of those girlie-girl dresses for some baby-boy sleepers.

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**Take advantage of previously loved clothes.** Children outgrow their clothes long before they wear them out. Make it known that you're open to donations from friends, or check out garage sales, Goodwill, Salvation Army or Value Village. At local consignment stores, you'll find designer kids' wear for a fraction of the cost, and the website [kidswap.ca](#) offers used clothing for swap or for sale.

**Buying used equipment?** Make sure it complies with current safety standards. A good source of info is the children's products section of [Health Canada's](#) website.

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